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ITEM:

IT'S OFFICIAL! In the space of just a few short months, **PIED PIPER COMICS** have taken comicdom by storm! Seems our loyal legions simply can't get enough of our magnificent mags! So who says this isn't quickly becoming the Piper Age of Comics?! (Certainly not us...you know how *we* hate to brag!)

ITEM:

Practically everyone (except our envious competition) is raving about **BEAST WARRIORS OF SHAOLIN**...our latest and possibly greatest hit! **Peerless Peter Quinones**, whose power packed scripting has propelled him to fan-favorite status virtually overnight, has carefully crafted the mysterious legends of ancient China into a modern comics masterwork--and **Galloping Glen Johnson's** incredible pencils must be seen to be believed! (Even then, we aren't sure how he manages to pack so much action on every single page--but we aren't complaining!) Add the awesome inks of **Magic Marty Lasick** and it's another titanic triumph from cover to cover!

ITEM:

Speaking of **Peerless Pete**, there's just no holding him back when he on a roll... and right now he's practically an ever-lovin' avalanche! We're referring, natch, to his other blockbuster hit, **TERRAFORMERS!** SF adventure at it's very best...as only **Cruisin' Kelley Jones & Jaunty Jim Sinclair**, art team supreme, could deliniate! And just wait till you catch the spectrum-smashing colors of **Rugged Ron Courtney!** We never dreamed a comic could look so good!

ITEM:

Of course **Peerless Pete** isn't the only writer here in the **Piper Bullpen** with a double-barrelled hit on his hands! How could be possibly forget **Killer Kevin Juaire**, co-creator and scripter (along with our own **Dauntless David Campiti**) of **HERO ALLIANCE**...arguably the best super-hero team book going--and with **Rapid Ron Lim & Crushing Keith Williams** handling the art chores and **Mischevious Marcus David** on the colors, who are we to argue? Unless you mention **POWER FACTOR, KILLER KEVIN'S** other smash series, that is! This one has all the power and drama you've come to expect... plus the pulsating pencilling of the one and only **Champion Carmine Infantino!** All we had to do was add the incredible inking of **Dashing Doug Hazelwood** and the eye-popping airbrush artistry of **Titanic Tom Vincent**, and the rest was easy! If you miss the excitement, frantic one, you'll have nobody to blame but yourself!

ITEM:

If excitement's what you're craving, we've discovered one of the most exciting new artists since we unleashed **Rapid Ron Lim** on the comics world! Now we're proud to present the awesome artwork of **Jumpin' Jack Snider!** We were so overwhelmed by his electrifying pencilling that we immediately assigned him **NEW HUMANS #3**...and that's just the beginning for this talented newcomer! We predict great things for **Jumpin' Jack**, especially since we've teamed him with **Joltin' Jeff Dee**, inker extraordinaire! Throw in **Daring Dennis Duarte**, who scripts as mean a comic story as we've seen in many a moon, and is it any wonder we have yet another smash success on our hands?

ITEM:

Art lovers take note! **EX-MUTANTS #8** features the dramatic debut of **JAZZY JOE PHILLIPS!** There's no doubt about it, the man's a super-star in the making!

ITEM:

Because YOU demanded it, we're unleashing our third **EX-MUTANTS** related title...and this one's a doozy! So, without further adieu, welcome **THE WILD KNIGHTS**...scripted by **Daring Dennis**, with the pandemonious pencilling of **Cuddley Kevin VanHook**, and the uncanny inking of **Bouncin' Bill Anderson!** You won't want to miss the action-packed premiere of the greatest motorcycle mutant mayhem book of all time! (Come to think of it, **THE WILD KNIGHTS** is the ONLY motorcycle mutant mayhem book of all time...but heck, who's counting?)

ITEM:

No doubt about it, **PIED PIPER COMICS** has become a hotbed of the greatest new talent in comicdom today--there's an ever increasing excitement in the air, pushing your overworked bullpen to even greater heights! But the long, hard hours are worth it, faithful one...because we do it all for you!

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MMMM... AFTER THAT AWFUL BATTLE WITH FROG'S TROOPS, A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WEEKS.
I ALWAYS FEEL SO RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYONE.
WELL--I NEED A LITTLE TIME ALONE!
SPLASH
BUT, UNNOTICED BY ERIN--
SOMEONE--
--OR SOMETHING--
--APPROACHES.
AT LAST!

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ERIN™
DAY OF THE DUNDABUD
IN A POST-HOLOCAUST WORLD, NEAR A STREAM PURIFIED BY DOC CUGAT'S TECHNOLOGY...
"HOW WEARY, STALE, FLAT, AND UNPROFITABLE SEEM TO ME ALL THE USES OF THIS WORLD..."
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THE WORLD'S A SHAMBLES... CIVILIZATION'S DEAD... MY BROTHER'S MISSING... AND I HAVE THIS EXCRUCIATING HEADACHE.
STILL, LIFE HAS SOME CONSOLATIONS...!
UH, EXCUSE ME--ARE YOU BUSY RIGHT NOW?
ALBATROSS
=SIGH= SO MUCH FOR BEING LEFT ALONE!
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HI! I'M SCOTT ...YOU KNOW, DOUGLAS'S BROTHER?
OH YES, I'VE SEEN YOU TWO TOGETHER BEFORE. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
WELL, LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT REALLY A GOD OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. THAT'S STUPID.
BUT I REALLY COULD USE YOUR HELP FINDING MY LITTLE BROTHER DOUGLAS.
ALBATROSS
SPROING
DOUGLAS IS YOUR... LITTLE BROTHER?!?
ALBATROSS
YEAH. SO YOU'LL HELP? GREAT! C'MON. THEN...
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PLEASE, LET'S HURRY... MY HEAD IS KILLING ME.
ANYTHING I CAN DO?
NO. WELL, MAYBE LATER. SIGH

YOU SEE, THIS IS WHERE HIS TRAIL ENDS... THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM HE WAS WITH THOSE OTHER PEOPLE... THE ONES WHO LOOK LIKE YOU GUYS.

WE HAD JUST SETTLED IN TO OUR NEW HOME HERE IN THE CITY. EVERYTHING WAS GOING FINE, UNTIL HE DISAPPEARED.
YOU SEE, HE NEEDS LOOKING AFTER. HE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF VERY WELL. I HAD TO WATCH HIM CAREFULLY.
SIGH SEEMS LIKE I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO WHAT HE WANTS.
ALBATROSS
THAT'S ALL VERY INTERESTING, BUT I DON'T SEE...

LIBRARY
ALBATROSS
LOOK, I NEED DOUGLAS. HE DOES ALL THE WORK! WE HAD THIS MAGNIFICENT PLACE...USED TO BE A LIBRARY.
I NEED MY TIME TO THINK, CONTEMPLATE THE GREAT THINKERS...
WHY BACK HOME I HAVE BOOKS BY THE GREATEST LITERARY MINDS THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN! SHAKESPEARE! GOETHE! ROBERT HEINLEIN! VOLTAIRE! ROGER McKENZIE!
ALBATROSS
WHO?
OH, NEVER MIND...
WELL, I HAVEN'T SEEN DOUGLAS IN A LONG TIME. HIS LOCATION IS A MYSTERY!!!
ALBATROSS
YES! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS!!!
A MYSTERY!!!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU...
THE GAME'S AFOOT, WATSON!
WHO'S WATSON?
ALBATROSS
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NOT MUCH LATER...
SIGH NEVER MIND. LET'S GO.
THIS MUST BE THE THOUSANDTH BUILDING WE'VE BEEN IN. WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
IT LOOKS LIKE A GYMNASIUM.
WELL, WHAT'S THAT THING?
OH, I KNOW! IT'S A TRAMPOLINE!
WE HAVE ONE OF THESE BACK AT DOC'S!
SEE, IT'S FUN!
AND IT BUILDS CO-ORDINATION AND MUSCLE TONE!
SIGHE AND IT'S MAKING MY HEADACHE WORSE.
INTELLIGENT, BEAUTIFUL--
BOING BOING BOING
TWANG!
ATHLETIC--
SHE COULD NEVER BE INTERESTED IN ME.
OH WELL, WE SHOULD GET ON WITH OUR SEARCH.
BY THE WAY, WHY DOES YOUR SHIRT HAVE "ALBATROSS" WRITTEN ON IT?
BECAUSE MY SHIRT WITH SHAKESPEARE'S SIGNATURE ON IT IS ALL DIRTY.

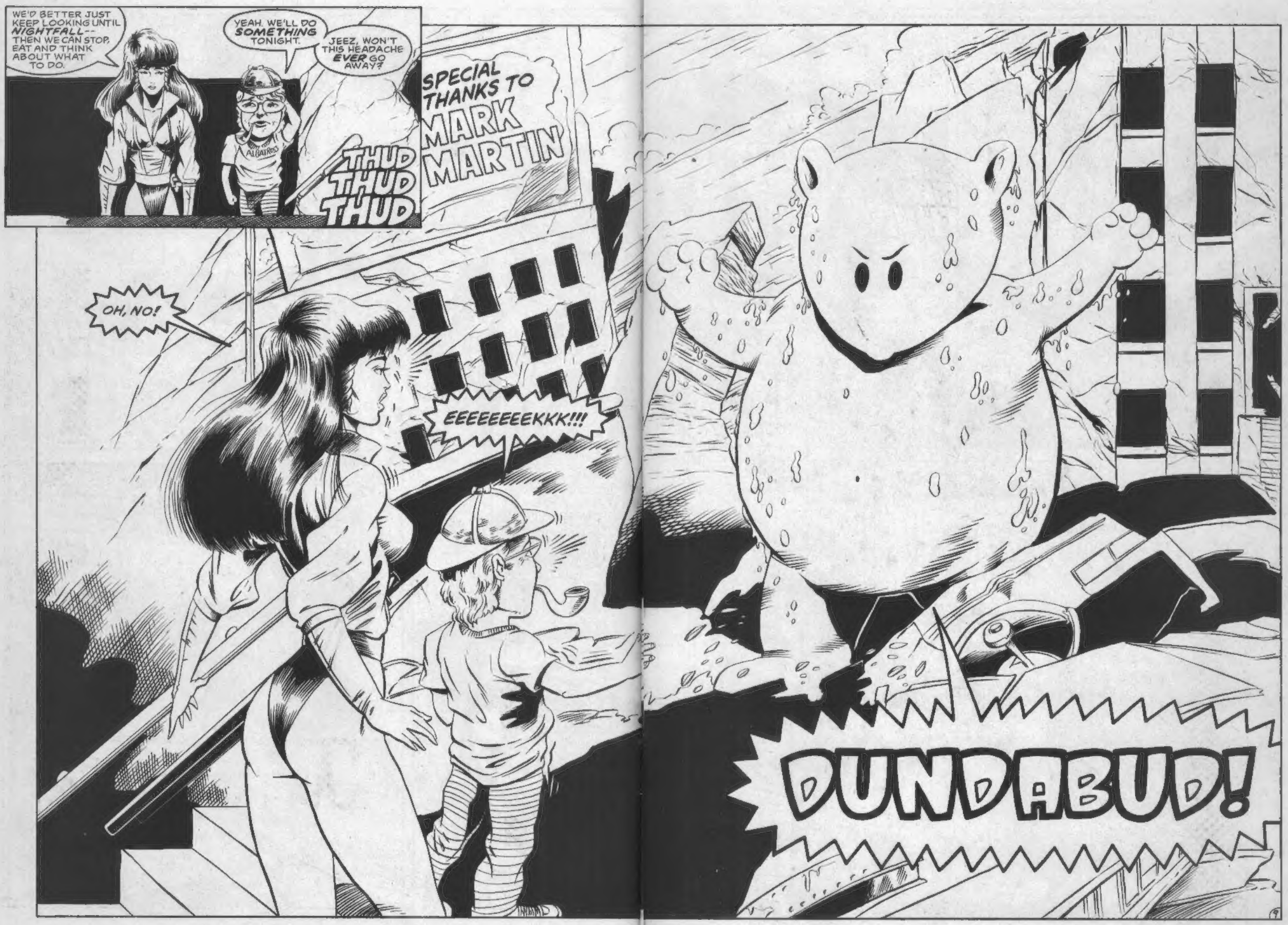
YOU'RE STRANGE...
I'M STRANGE ?!?
ALBATROSS

HEY!! TURN OUT THOSE LIGHTS!
OOOPS!

CRIPES! THINGS LIKE THAT LURKING AROUND HERE AND SHE'S CALLING ME STRANGE!
PLOP!

SIGH ALWAYS STRANGE, OR WEIRD NEVER CUTE, SUAVE, DEBONAIR.
ALBATROSS
IF ONLY SHE'D...

HEY!! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?!
THUD THUD THUD
MAYBE IT'S DOUGLAS!!
ALBATROSS


WE'D BETTER JUST KEEP LOOKING UNTIL NIGHTFALL-- THEN WE CAN STOP, EAT AND THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO.
YEAH. WE'LL DO SOMETHING TONIGHT.
JEEZ, WON'T THIS HEADACHE EVER GO AWAY?
THUD THUD THUD
SPECIAL THANKS TO MARK MARTIN
OH, NO!
EEEEEEEEEKKK!!!
DUNDABUD!

RUN!
I'LL TRY TO HOLD IT BACK WHILE YOU GET AWAY!
WAIT!
CLICK

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?
IT'S JUST A BABY! DON'T HURT IT!

HOLD IT THERE, LITTLE GUY WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOST?

DUNDABUD.
YEAH, ME TOO

HOW HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
I TOLD YOU. IT'S JUST A LITTLE KID.
MY BROTHER DOUGLAS WAS LIKE THAT, FOR A WHILE
ALBATROSS

THEY STAY IN THAT PHASE OF THEIR EVOLUTION FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, APPARENTLY.

"YOU SEE, WHEN THE HOLOCAUST TOOK PLACE IT WASN'T JUST A NUCLEAR WAR, I SURMISE..

"THE PRE-WAR SCIENTISTS WERE APPARENTLY WORKING ON SOME KIND OF CHEMICAL/GENETIC MANIPULATION, AND ALL THAT WAS UNLEASHED ON THE WORLD AS WELL...

"THAT'S THE ONLY WAY SUCH SEVERE MUTATIONS COULD'VE OCCURRED WITHIN THE FIRST GENERATION...
"EVEN ON PEOPLE LIKE YOUR MENTOR, WHO WERE BORN BEFORE THE WAR."

THE WAY I SEE IT, DOUGLAS AND THOSE LIKE HIM ARE THE NEXT PHASE IN HUMAN EVOLUTION!
BUT, DOUGLAS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE UMM, VERY BRIGHT.
ALBATROSS

WELL, OF COURSE NOT. HE'S ONLY ABOUT FIVE AND A HALF YEARS OLD!
THAT'S WHY HE SEEMS SO SLOW SOMETIMES

A LITTLE LATER ON, A LITTLE FARTHER AWAY..

SHOULD I HUNT FOR MEAT?

NO I'M A VEGETARIAN

A WHAT?

I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IN KILLING ANIMALS TO EAT THEM

THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE THE POOR CREATURES SUFFER...

THERE'S ALREADY TOO MUCH SUFFERING IN THE WORLD

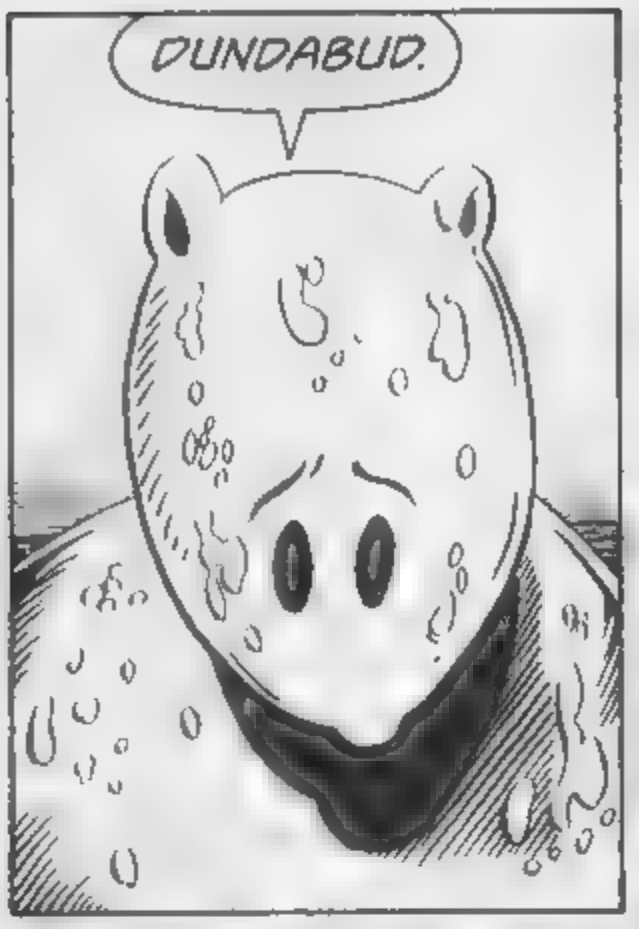
THAT'S ONE OF THE WEIRDEST THINGS I'VE EVER HEARD...

BUT IT'S KIND OF CUTE.

HMMM NOT BAD!

THANK YOU

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH


DUNDABUD.

OH, YOU HAVE A HEADACHE, TOO?

I GUESS WE'D BETTER KEEP LOOKING FOR DOUGLAS
MAYBE IT'LL TAKE OUR MINDS OFF IT

DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD STAY HERE FOR THE NIGHT?
THE CITY CAN BE A LOT MORE DANGEROUS AFTER DARK.
DON'T WORRY
I'LL PROTECT YOU

...HITHER AND YON...
SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW.
...LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED..
...OUR INTREPID HEROES NEVER FALTERED...

WELL, ALMOST NEVER
OH, EXCUSE US, WE'RE LOOKING FOR MY

OH BOY! FRESH MEAT!
GET 'EM!!
UH-OH

SOME OF FROG'S MEN STILL HIDING HERE!
KRAK
URK!

GET OUT OF HERE, YOU TWO!
YEEARGH
WRAK

I CAN HANDLE THEM
SLASH

BY MYSELF!
WHP
OKAY IF YOU INSIST!
A. BATROSS

RRROOORRRR!

HEH HEH HEH

OH--!

GRAB!

SKRRP

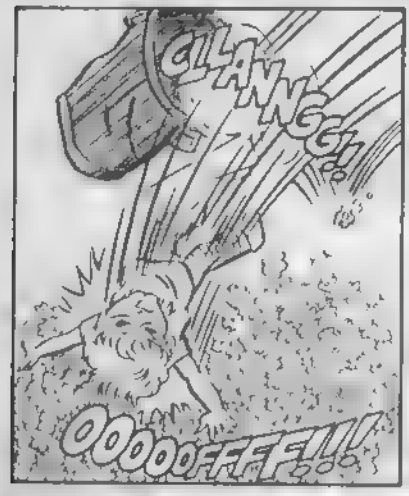
KRAAGHH

I OFTEN WONDERED WHY THEY WORE THOSE SPIKE HEELS

NOW IT BECOMES OBVIOUS

DUNDABUD!

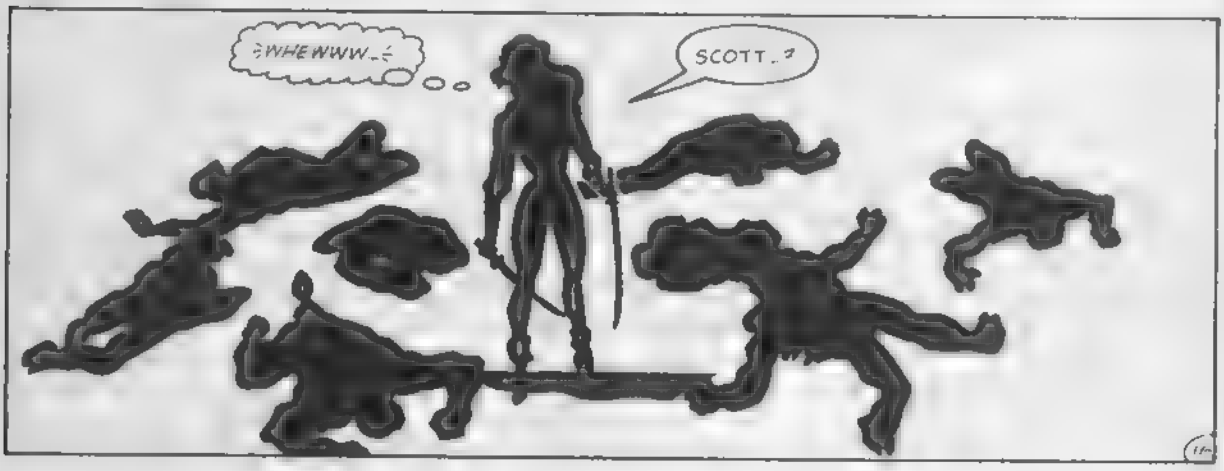
CRANG!
CLANG!
WHAM!
HEYYY !!!


CLLANNGG!
OOOOOFFFFL!!

WHAT?
POPPIES?
ALBATROSS

MUTANT POPPIES? I WONDER WHAT FORM THE MUTATION TAKES.
SNIFF SNIFF

WHILE..
SLITCHH!!!


WHEWWW..
SCOTT..?

HEY-- YOU SMELL NICE NOW!

SNIFF SNIFF

IT MIGHT EVEN BE SOME KIND OF PHEROMONE EFFECT.

HMMM...

IT MUST BE THE MUTATED POPPIES..

THIS COULD BE MY LUCKY DAY!

ALBATROSS

SURE. WHATEVER YOU WANT ANYTHING..
UHH MAYBE WE'D BETTER CONTINUE OUR SEARCH.
DUNDAB.JD.
LBATROSS
ALBATROSS
I UHHH THAT IS
BUT THIS IS GETTING US NOWHERE I THINK IT'S T ME WE SEE DOC
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US...

NOT MUCH LATER...
THIS IS DOC'S LAB.

ERIN!
YOU RE BACK SO SOON!

UMM THAT IS OH HELL! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
NOT HERE BUT THEY'RE AROUND. DON'T WORRY.
IT S GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, DOC

LOOK, I'M SORRY TO BREAK UP THIS TEARFUL LITTLE FAMILY SCENE, BUT WE CAME HERE FOR A REASON.
NAMELY, WHERE THE HELL IS MY BROTHER?
ALBATROS

DOUGLAS? GOD KNOWS .. YOU SEE, HE LEFT WITH THAT GROUP OF PRE-WAR SURVIVORS WHO WERE HERE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.
SPROING
WHAT !?!?

WELL, AT LEAST YOU KNOW HE'S AMONG FRIENDS.
THEY'LL LOOK AFTER HIM.
YEAH, BUT NOW I HAVE TO TAKE THE GARBAGE OUT ALL BY MYSELF.
ALBATROSS
I WONDER WHERE HE IS
FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE COULD BE IN CLEVELAND!
WELL SCOTT--
SNAP
SPROING
SPROING
"--WHEREVER DOUGLAS IS, I'M SURE HE'S ALL RIGHT!"

WELL, I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU, TOO.
ALBATROSS

IS IT... IS IT SAFE?
WELL, OF COURSE! WOULD I BRING HIM HERE IF IT WASN'T?

DUNDABUD.

OH, EXCUSE MY LACK OF MANNERS SCOTT, I DON'T THINK YOU'VE MET NORMA JEAN.
HI!

PLOP
JUST SIT DOWN RIGHT HERE, LITTLE FELLA
NORMA JEAN, WILL YOU GET HIM SOMETHING TO EAT?
CERTAINLY.

OH, HE'S DARLING!
SLURP SLURP SLURP

WHAT A UN QUE OPPORTUNITY!
I CAN STUDY THIS MUTATION FIRSTHAND, NOW

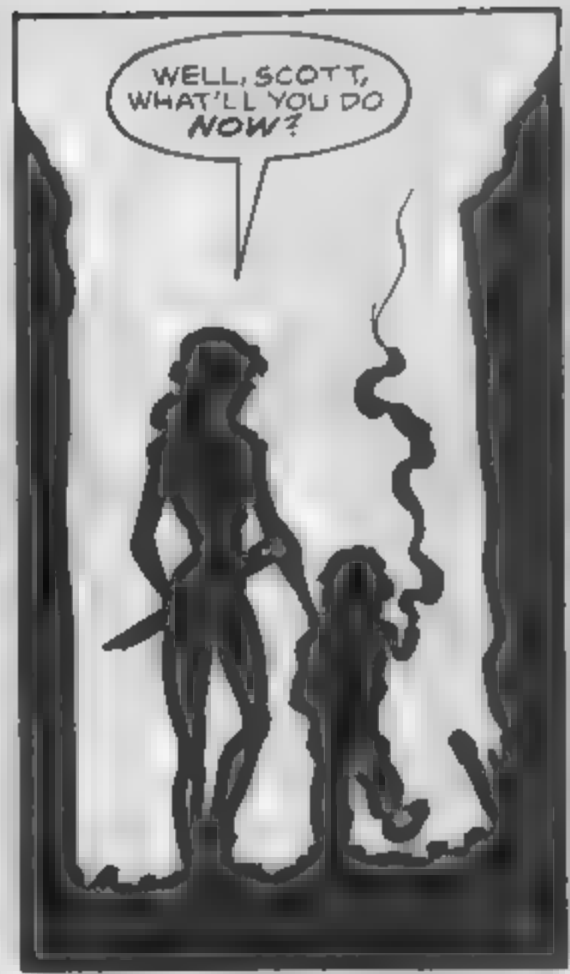
YOU COULD'VE DONE THAT ANYTIME WHILE DOUGLAS WAS HERE
HE USED TO BE LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW

I HAD MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT THAT
I JUST NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO DO THE KIND OF DETAILED ANALYSIS THAT IT WOULD'VE TAKEN TO CONFIRM THEM

OH WELL, PERHAPS SOMEDAY HE'LL RETURN. AND THEN
EMMANUEL -

OH, EMMANUEL! WE CAN KEEP HIM, CAN'T WE?
DUNDABUD.

WHEN YOU SEE THE OTHERS, PLEASE REMIND THEM I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU ALL CHECK-UPS SOON


WELL, SCOTT, WHAT'LL YOU DO NOW?

GO BACK HOME AND READ, I GUESS.
I FOUND A NEW BOOK ON LOGICAL POSITIVISM IN A GARBAGE DUMP THE OTHER DAY
ALBATROSS

OH, WHY DON'T YOU STAY HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE
WITH ME!
ALBATROSS

UH WHAT FOR?
ALBATROSS

ALBAT
DON'T WORRY
WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.

NO, WAIT! THIS IS ALL A MISTAKE... THE PHEROS... I MEAN, THE POPPYMOANS ...I MEAN...
WOMEN DON'T LIKE ME! I'M TOO SHORT!
I USE TOO MANY BIG WORDS AND THAT INTIMI-DATES THEM! I... I...
ALBATROSS
I THINK THE TIME FOR WORDS IS PAST!
I-I-I--

ERIN--
I CAN'T. YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN--

--BUT IT'S NOT ME, IT'S THE POPPIES, AND I JUST COULDN'T LIVE WITH MYSELF IF--

SCOTT!

SCOTT, YOU'RE RIGHT. THANK YOU.
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE--

WE COULD TALK?
TALK?

HAVE YOU EVER READ ANY SHAKESPEARE?

SUNRISE...
SCOTT...?
SCOTT, ARE YOU OKAY? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
NO, ERIN. EVERYTHING'S WONDERFUL.
IN FACT --
MY HEADACHE'S GONE!
-END-
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